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(1) What type of investigation is being conducted, and
(2) Generally where the incident allegedly occurred.

Any information regarding any open homicide investigation (including officer-involved-shootings, in-custody deaths and suspicious death investigations) **shall not** be released to the public and/or the media without prior express approval from:

(1) The Chief of Police (or designee),
(2) The Deputy Chief of the Operations Bureau,
(3) The Commander of Investigations,
(4) The Captain of Major Crimes, or
(5) The Officer-in-Charge of the Homicide Detail,

It is important that members understand that this order includes all aspects of Homicide Detail investigations, including but not limited to: the identity of homicide victims, suspects, witnesses, involved officers, statements or other information and any facts concerning arrest or search warrants related to the investigation.

The Department's goal is to prevent the untimely release of information that may compromise a Homicide Investigation.

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(3) The Deputy Chief of the Field Operations Bureau,
(4) The Commander of Investigations,
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WILLIAM SCOTT
Chief of Police

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